

**Minutes of a Meeting held in Dundee Art Society Gallery, Roseangle, Dundee  
on 9 October 2014**

**President's Night**

- Welcome:** President Francis Podger welcomed members to the second meeting of the new session at which he would be giving his first presidential display.
- Apologies for absence:** Colin Campbell, George Soutar, Ron Goodfellow and David Cree
- Attendance:** 15 members and 1 visitor (Lynne Podger) were present.
- Minutes:** The Minutes of 25 September were approved on the proposal by Robert Duguid and seconded by Peter Dix.
- Display:** President Francis Podger provided members with a display entitled 'Singapore Incoming Postal Stationery'. As the title implies the display featured postal stationery from countries around the world which had been sent to Singapore. All correspondence on show was pre independence therefore prior to 1965. Francis highlighted the fact that the mail from India was mainly from Southern India and that it was usually posted underpaid to ensure that it was actually delivered. The underpaid mail highlighted by the postage due stamps affixed to them. Some of the correspondence showed the text inside the envelope and in one particular case a letter from the Dutch East Indies contained a reply part which had actually been returned. Another letter was from the Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens in St Petersburg, Russia to the Director of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Singapore acknowledging receipt of samples of seeds.
- Business:**
- President: Expressed thanks to Doug Howkins for his willingness to display earlier than was scheduled.
- Secretary: Indicated that the visit to Arbroath PS is on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Advised members that Colin Campbell would be unable to attend as often this year, and asked all members to bring sheets along to participate in the Great War display in November.
- Treasurer: Nearly all subs have now been paid.
- Packet Secretary: More booklets are still coming in, enough for possibly six boxes. Boxes may be available for circulation in near future.
- Librarian: Still progressing on Library.
- Webmaster: Information on members who have won awards has now been published on the website and members were asked to give Norrie any missing information. Doug Howkins' write up on Cuban Stamps has also been published and members were asked to provide further ideas for displays.
- Vote of Thanks:** The vote of thanks was given by Harry Jackson who commented on the delightful cornucopia of correspondence on display from various countries. Members then enjoyed the traditional refreshments to celebrate the Presidents' display.
- Date of Next Meeting:** Morning meeting- 6 Nov 10am to noon.  
Evening Meeting- Visit from Lanarkshire P.S. on 23 October.